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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Special Branch  
REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
REGISTRY  
No. S. B. D. 7496  
Date August 14, 1936  
Station, 36

Subject: Communication dated August 10, 1936 from the Italian Consulate-

General regarding Michael Alexandrovich and Miss E.V. Vershinin.

Made by D.S. Pitts.

Forwarded by

*J. Bayne D.S.I.*

Enquiries have elicited the information that there is nothing on record, from a criminal or political point of view, to the detriment of either of the applicants for Italian transit visas - Michael Alexandrovich and Miss Elizabeth Vass. Vershinin.

Miss Vershinin has been residing in Shanghai since 1923, when she arrived from Vladivostock in order to escape Soviet rule. She is a "white" Russian and is registered as such with the local Russian Emigrants' Committee, by whom she is favourably regarded. A dressmaker by profession, Miss Vershinin follows this trade in a private capacity, concurrently acting as manageress of the "Cosy Corner" Bar, 18/20 Rue Chu Pao San, French Concession, where she is at present living. The owner of this Bar is one S.M. Palitzer, a Serbian, with whom Miss Vershinin has been co-habiting for a number of years.

Miss Vershinin has a fair amount of money of her own, and her reasons for desiring to leave Shanghai are in order to better herself financially and socially and to regain her health which has suffered considerably during her stay in this city. She has a number of friends and relatives in Belgrade, the capital of Yugo-slavia and it is her intention to open a ladies' dressmaking salon after arrival there.

She is not known to indulge in political activities of any kind.

Michael Alexandrovich, an unemployed Russian seaman of no fixed abode, has, in the past, made several trips to Europe as a member of the crew of various vessels. He is an accomplished linguist, speaking many tongues, and his connect-

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ion with Miss Vershinin is merely that of an interpreter. He accompanied this lady to the Italian Consulate-General when the latter made her application for the necessary transit visa, and acted as an interpreter for her. At the same time he also applied for a visa, as apparently in a moment of weakness, the lady had previously promised to pay Alexandrovich's passage to Yugo-slavia, provided that he acted as her interpreter in the various countries through which they passed and assisted her in her projected business enterprise in Belgrade. However, Miss Vershinin regrets having made this promise and there appears to be some doubt now as to whether she will pay for his passage. He is in poor circumstances and met Miss Vershinin at the "Cosy Corner" Bar where he is known for his linguistic abilities and it was there that his services to act as an interpreter were accepted.

He has no means of his own and his trip is contingent upon the lady paying the passage money and other expenses incurred during the voyage. Apart from being of assistance to Miss Vershinin it is not believed that he has any other plans in view after arrival in Yugo-slavia.

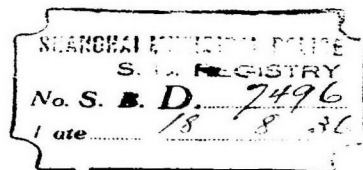
Alexandrovich is not known to indulge in political activities of any kind.

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D. S.

Deputy Commissioner (Crime & Special Branches.)

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August 17

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Consul-General for Italy,  
Shanghai.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1231 dated August 10, 1936, and in reply to inform you that there is nothing in our records concerning either Michael Alexandrovich or Miss Elizabeth Vass. Vershinin.

Miss Vershinin arrived here from Vladivostok in 1923 and is registered with the local Russian Emigrants' Committee. She is a dressmaker by profession and acts concurrently as manageress of the "Cosy Corner" Bar, 18/20 Rue Chu Pao San, where she cohabits with the owner, one named S.M. Palitzer, a Serbian. Miss Vershinin has a fair amount of money of her own. She desires to leave Shanghai in order to better herself financially and socially and to regain her health which has suffered considerably during her stay in this city. She claims to have friends and relatives in Belgrade, Yugo-Slavia, and it is her intention to open a ladies' dressmaking salon in that city.

Michael Alexandrovich is an unemployed seaman of no fixed abode. He has made several trips to Europe as a member of the crew of various vessels. He is an accomplished linguist and his connection with Miss

Vershinin is merely that of an interpreter. It appears that Miss Vershinin met him at the "Cosy Corner" Bar and upon learning of his linguistic abilities she promised to pay his passage to Yugo-Slavia provided he acted as her interpreter in the various countries through which they should pass and assist her in her proposed business in Belgrade. Miss Vershinin seems now to regret having made this promise and there appears to be some doubt as to whether she will pay for his passage. Apart from the position of interpreter to Miss Vershinin, Alexandrovich states he has no other plans in view after his arrival in Yugo-Slavia.

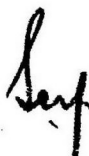
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Deputy Commissioner of Police  
in Charge.



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August 11, 36.

Consul General for Italy,  
Shanghai.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt  
of your letter No.1231 dated August 10, 1936,  
and in reply to inform you that the matter is  
receiving attention. The result of action  
taken will be conveyed to you in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Deputy Commissioner of Police  
in charge.

*CDT. Rao*

*Necessary action.*

*D. S. Gille.*

*16.12.36*



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CONSOLATO GENERALE D' ITALIA  
SHANGHAI

Shanghai, 10th August 1936

Sir,

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- Re: 1) Michael Alexandrovich Seaman, age 35, born in Kiew, passport of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs n.296409, May 27th, 1936.  
2) Miss Elizabeth V. Vershinin Dressmaker, age 36, born in Vyatka, Passport of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs n.311766, July 23rd 1936.

I have the honour to inform you that the above named former Russian subjects have applied to this Royal Consulate General for a viza of transit through Italy with the object of transferring themselves to Yougoslavia.

They would leave Shanghai together about August 25th.

As they are completely unknown at this Royal Consulate General I would appreciate it very much if you would kindly let me have, at your early convenience, all available informations about them, and especially about their <sup>political</sup> activity (if any), and the reason of their planed trip to Yougoslavia.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

*(ant. Bianchi)*  
p Consul General for Italy

COMMISSIONER OF THE POLICE  
Shanghai Municipal Council  
Shanghai